

Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, April 5, 2020



WPC exists to develop in ourselves and others a passion for the glory of God and the preeminence of Christ in all of life and in all the world, as revealed in the infallible, inerrant Word of God alone.

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April 5, 2020 5:30 p.m.

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP (READ ALOUD)

"I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

(Psalm 108:3-4)

* PSALM OF PRAISE #2

"O Worship the King"

O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain; and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn you above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

O Lord, you are not like the gods of the nations-gods of wood and stone-deaf and dumb, lifeless and empty. Nor are you like the gods of modern man—fraudulent philosophies, unchecked reason, or individual autonomy. But you are the True and Living God, the Ancient of Days, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. All hearts are laid bare before you. All destinies rest in your hands. All men are accountable to you.

Lord, we ask your forgiveness for looking to created things rather than to the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security. We confess that other gods still grip our affections, and other loyalties divide our devotion. Renew us today as we worship you, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (READ ALOUD)**

“Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
(Romans 5:20-21)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Acts 13:1-12

*** Hymn of Preparation #318 *“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”***

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending, once for favored sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train.

Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Ev'ry island, sea, and mountain, heav'n and earth, shall flee away;
all who hate him must, confounded, hear the trump proclaim the day:
Come to judgment! Come to judgment! Come to judgment, come away!

Now Redemption, long expected, see in solemn pomp appear!

All his saints, by man rejected, now shall meet him in the air.

Alleluia! Alleluia! See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own:

O come quickly, O come quickly; alleluia! come, Lord, come.

PASTORAL PRAYER

- That God would bring good out of the Corona Virus health crisis; that He would use it to humble proud hearts, to convince unbelievers to turn to him in faith and repentance, to remind us of our mortality, to make His promises more precious to us
- For WPC to stay connected and care for one another in the midst of this health crisis; for the Lord to give us unique opportunities in the midst of this crisis to love and encourage one another
- For our leadership to make wise decisions as we navigate this extraordinary time
- or our marriages and families to be protected from spiritual attack during a time that unusually stressful and involves more time together than usual
- That God would provide for and protect the poorest and most vulnerable of our city, especially those who are normally served by our food ministry (which will be canceled for a while)
- That we would stay connected with the children of catechism club through this crisis, and that this crisis would demonstrate to them the need to trust God

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

HABAKKUK 2:2-20

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

REV. KNOX WHITE

“He Who Laughs Last Laughs Loudest”

1. Five Guffaws of God

2. Two Manners of Men

HYMN OF RESPONSE #55

“ To God Be the Glory ”

To God be the glory great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that we may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the father thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Chorus

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Chorus

*** THE BENEDICTION (READ ALOUD)**

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

(2 Corinthians 13:14)